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AMENDMENT & REMARKS ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 7, 2008, having a shortened statutory period expiring on October 7, 2008. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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